

F-1-204
Dixon-Murray Farmstead
Feagaville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1830-1907

The Dixon-Murray Farmstead is a good example of the preservation of an early 19th century log structure by adapting it as the rear service wing of an early 20th century house. Built as a simple two-bay structure about 1830, probably by James Dixon, the log house was later covered with german, then asbestos shingle siding. In 1907, a two-story frame house with shingled cross gables was built adjoining the log structure by Harvey J. Murray. A shingled gable was added to the log structure to unify it visually with the newer section. The 1907 section was modified in recent years with the addition of a two-story extension on the north side. In the 1830's, a small log summer kitchen or smokehouse was built near the log house and in 1907, a small bank barn and several agricultural outbuildings were built west of the house.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No.

DOE yes Xno**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Dixon-Murray Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6003 Elmer Derr Road

 not for publication

city, town Feagaville

X vicinity of

congressional district 6th

state Maryland

county Frederick

3. Classification**Category** districtX building(s) structure site object**Ownership** publicX private both**Public Acquisition** in process being consideredX not applicable**Status**X occupied unoccupied work in progress**Accessible**X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no**Present Use** agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military museum parkX private residence religious scientific transportation other:**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Nancy Carol Rollman

street & number 6003 Elmer Derr Road

telephone no.:

city, town Frederick

state and zip code MD 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 1278

street & number 100 W. Patrick St.

folio 363

city, town Frederick

state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-204

Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The Dixon-Murray Farmstead is centered on a two-story log and frame dwelling built in two periods, about 1830 and about 1907, with the two sections clearly defined by the exposed log structure of the earlier section which became the rear wing of the 1907 house. The farmstead also includes a log summer kitchen or smokehouse of about 1830, a frame and stone bank barn of the early 20th century, and a row of attached frame sheds of the same date. The farmstead is located on the west side of Elmer Derr Road about 1/2 mile west of Ballenger Creek Pike near Feagaville, Frederick County, Maryland. The property is separated from Feagaville by U.S. 15-340 and by Ballenger Creek. The principal elevation of the house faces east. Dates of the buildings were based on land records, architectural details, and a 1907 dated stone gatepost.

The original section of the house is a two-story log structure which until recently was covered with asbestos shingles over german siding. The interior of the house was much altered during the latest in an on-going remodeling of several stages. The south elevation of the log building was apparently its principal elevation. It has two bays and a central cross gable with a shingled surface, a feature added in 1907. The door in the west bay and the windows and frames are recent replacements. The windows are 6/6. The 1907 section is a two-story building with german siding, a cross gable with diamond-patterned tiles and a Palladian-influenced window, and a one-story porch. The east elevation has three bays with a center entrance. The glazed panel door has a plain transom. The first story windows are large 1/1 openings with replacement shutters. The second story windows are more narrow and the shutters have recently been removed. The porch has chamfered posts, the inner two being original and the outer two being recent matching replacements. A small scroll bracket adorns the posts. The roof is covered with composition material and interior chimneys rise at the north and south gable ends. The south elevation has a single off-center bay and a shingled gable. The north elevation has a modern addition recently completed. It encompasses the north side of the original log structure and has a cross gable on the east elevation. The addition is covered with vinyl siding.

Summer kitchen/smokehouse: The log structure located south of the rear wing of the main house has the appearance of a summer kitchen, with vertical siding, a rebuilt exterior brick chimney and a vertical tongue-and-groove door flanked by a large 6/6 window in the east elevation. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. A single window opening is in the west elevation. According to Ms. Rollman, the current owner, the interior was blackened by smoke, indicating that it may have served both cooking and smoking purposes in its years of domestic use. It is now a storage and garden shed. The building was probably built about 1837 with the original section of the house.

Barn: The small bank barn appears from its sawn interior members to have been built about 1907 at the time of the corresponding addition of the main house. It has

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1830-1907

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Dixon-Murray Farmstead is primarily significant in architecture for the log structure of the circa 1830 section of the dwelling. The joining of the two sections, the log wing and the frame main section of about 1907, is a good illustration of the preservation of an existing early 19th century structure to serve as the service wing of an early 20th century house. Though this was a frequent occurrence in the 19th century, the Dixon-Murray House is a very clear-cut example, owing to recent removal of artificial siding on the log section. The log house was probably built by James Dixon, according to testimony taken in an 1855 equity case involving the property. Although no deeds were produced in the case to substantiate Dixon's acquisition of the originally 28-acre parcel, one Edward Schley stated for the record that James Dixon died in May 1835, leaving a wife, Sophia, who died about 1852, and eight children, among whom was Benjamin Dixon, one of the complainants in the equity matter. Schley said Dixon died leaving real estate near Phleeger's Mill (on Ballenger Creek) and that it was "but a small house and lot". In the absence of other records to the contrary, this seems to refer to the log house. The outcome of the case was that George Hardt purchased the property for \$1200 in April 1856. Although the intervening transfers are unclear, in August 1872, Joshua T. Murray bought the farm for \$850 and in 1897 conveyed it to Harvey J. Murray, who was probably the builder of the 1907 section.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-204

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Land Records of Frederick County.
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6 acresQuadrangle name Frederick, MarylandQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 85, Parcel 86.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August 1993street & number Frederick, MD 21701 telephone 696-2958

city or town _____ state _____

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

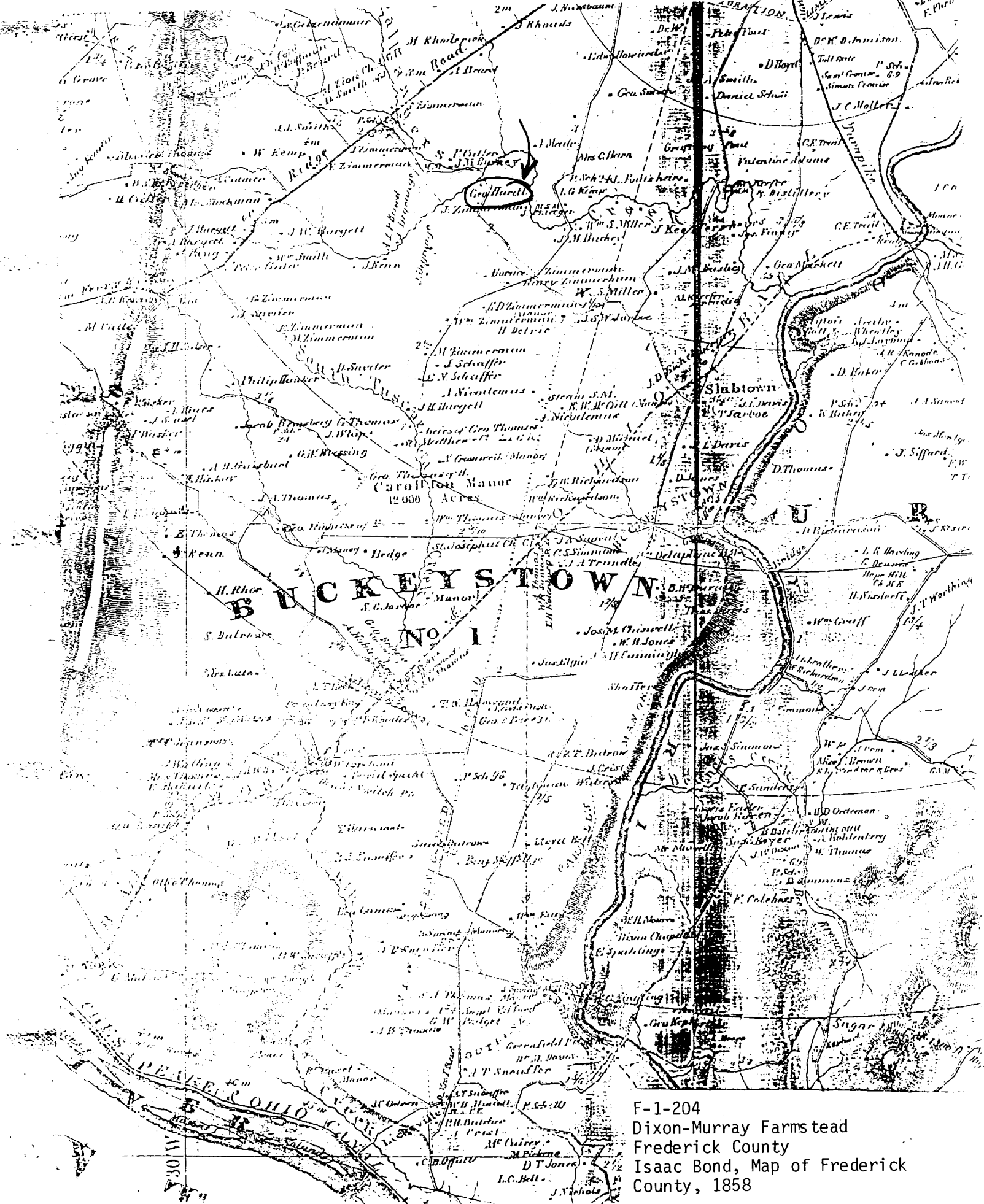
has vertical siding and a standing seam metal roof. Its siding is partially removed and somewhat deteriorated. Ms. Rollman plans to restore the missing siding.

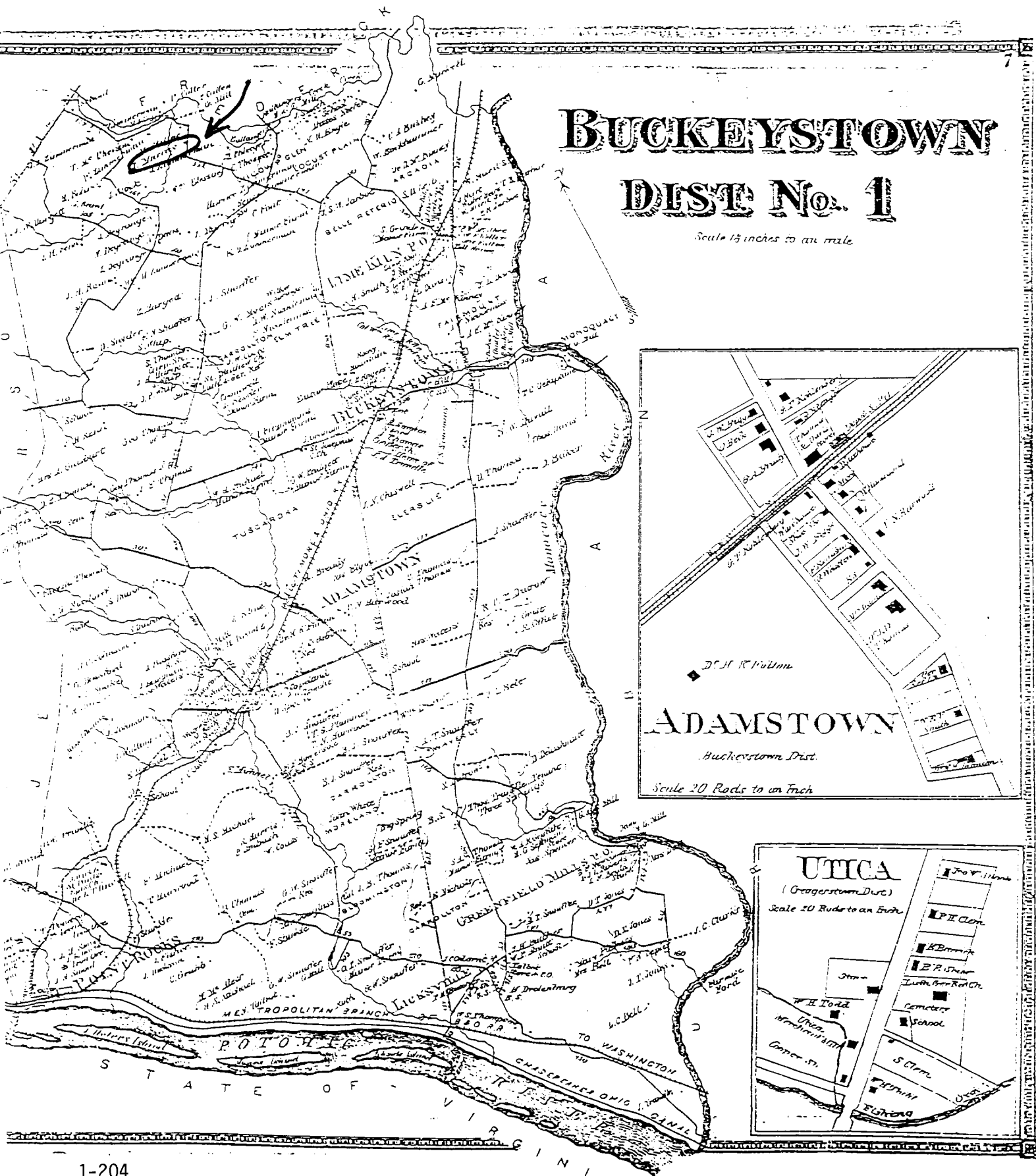
Sheds: The row of attached frame sheds north of the barn includes two open-sided equipment sheds with vertical siding and corrugated metal shed roofs. Between the two equipment sheds is what appears to be a chicken house with vertical siding and a shed roof. A horizontal window opening is in the east elevation. A second small chicken house stands by itself between the sheds and the dwelling. These outbuildings all appear to date from about 1907.

Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

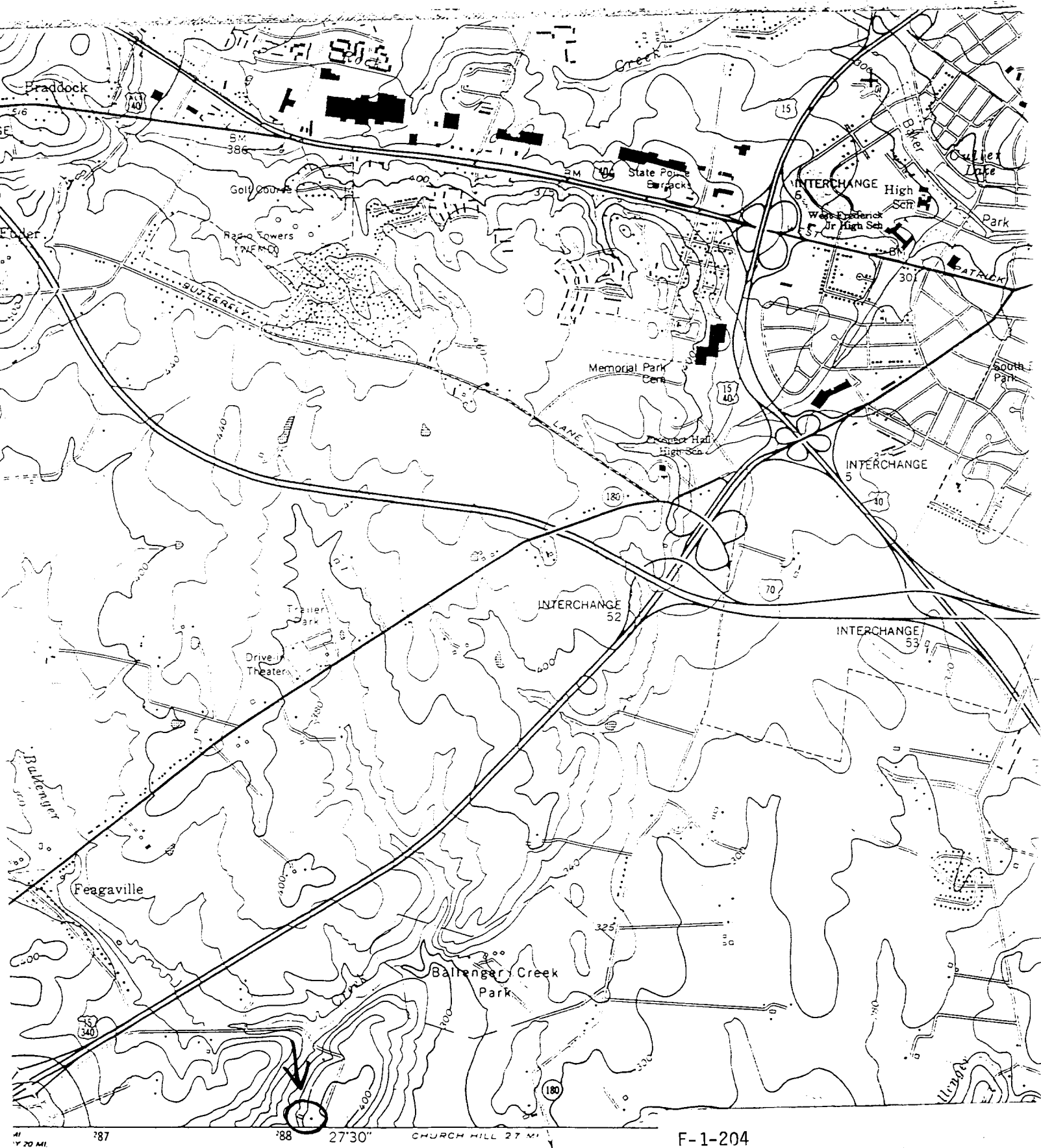
Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
1278/363 19 Apr 85	Nancy Carol Rollman	Hilda S. Smith & Bernard L. Shaff, pers. reps. of estate of Phoebe Shaff	6227 A.		Plat of Shaff Home Farm, Sect. 1, Lots 4, 5, & 6 Plat Book 26/177, desig- nated as "Remains"
348/105 29 Mar 24	James V. and Phoebe J. Shaff	Harvey J. & Mellie V. Murray	1. Part of "Mulheim" (sic) 280. 3R., 15 p. JLS 16/73 (5 other transactions included)		2. DHH 3/552-46 sq. p. 3. 269/302-250. 4. 289/458-1R., 33 1/2 p. 5. 289/549-2 R. 32 1/2 p.
JLS 16/73 1 Apr 1897	Harvey J. & Mellie V. Murray	Joshua S. & Ann Maria Murray	280., 3R. 50 sq. p. JWLC 4/86, 16 May 1866	\$1,500	6. 267/129-30.
JLS 4/798 24 Mar 1886 19 Aug 1872	Joshua S. Murray	Frederick Miles	"Mulheim" 280. 3R., 15 p.	\$850	J
JWLC 4/86 16 May 1866	Benjamin Dixon	Thomas S. & Georgianna Castle	"Mulheim", 280. 3R. 15 p.	\$1,600	
ES 8/479 17 Apr 1856	George Hardt	Philip Culler, trustee in Equity 2582	"Mulheim" 280, 3R., 15 p. Philip Culler, Benjamin Dixon vs Mrs. Dixon et al	\$1200	Equity Record ES 3/1
Equity Record ES 3/1 17 May 1855	Some 15 or 16 years ago, (i.e. 1840) James Dixon departed this life leaving a small tract of land containing about 280. ... Testimony of Edward Schley, witness, states James Dixon died May 1835 and that his wife Sophia died 20 or 3 years ago, knew 8 children residing in Frederick Co., (among them Benjamin Dixon). Dixon did leave real estate near Phleguin Mill (spelled in Equity Record as FLEAGER)... it is but a small house & lot.				

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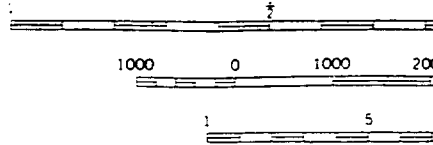


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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873



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 Frederick County
 USGS Frederick, Maryland
 1:24000

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 GN
 9 1/4°
 169 MILS
 1°33'
 28 MILS



CONTOUR
 NATIONAL GEO

UTM GRID AND 1985 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH



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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

East elevation

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South elevation of Log section

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Summer Kitchen, east elevation

3/5



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Dixon - Murray Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Sheds, view from southeast

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Born, north elevation

5/5